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1. The construction work at the papa airfield (for location see Annex 1) which was ordered by the govietz was done by the following firms:

a. szombathely ragasepitesi Nemzeti Vallalat Firm (szombathely (p 48/C 78)) nationalized enterprise for overhead construction) with 400 to 500 workers. The firm has long been engaged in repair work on the field barracks buildings.

b. Budapest Vasuti es utepitoe Nemzeti Vallalat Firm (Budapest nationalized enterprise for railroad and road construction) with 700 to 800 workers. The firm did construction work on the runway.

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Eng Col Elekseyin from Vienna, who was in charge of the reconditioning work.

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3. The Honved Ministry had been ordered to ship two fuel containers, each holding 13,250 gallons, from the airfield to Szolnok (Q 48/0 38) and Boergoend (Q 48/E 13). This, however, was prevented by the goviet airfield CO, an air force major.

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4. According to Hungarian workers, 30 to 40 aircraft previously stationed at the field were transferred in early September 1949. On 22 September 1949, from 30 to 40 aircraft, in formations of 8 planes each, and ground personnel units arrived at the field. More aircraft and personnel arrived up to 2 October 1949, the total occupation amounting at that time to about 2,000 Soviet Air Force troops and about 70 single-engine low-wing monoplanes with radial engine, about 50 single-engine low-wing monoplanes with in-line engine and about 8 biplanes.
5. About 100 to 120 trucks were stationed at the field. They carried the arriving units from the railroad station and continually hauled gasoline to the field. The firm mentioned in para 1a also did reconditioning work on the cavalry barracks buildings and the Papa castle. Soviet Air Force soldiers were quartered in tents in the castle park. Almost exclusively, Soviet Air Force troops were seen in Papa.
6. At night the runways were lighted by red lamps set up in rows along the edges and by two searchlights mounted on two towers. The radio station southwest of the field with three mounted antenna masts was not yet in operation.
7. Hungarians were only allowed to enter the field upon presentation of a permit issued by one of the construction firms. (see Annex 2).

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25X1A ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ comment:

a. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ reconditioning work at the field. The work, which consisted in reconditioning the buildings, expanding the runway, embedding a drainage system and fuel containers, was first reported in May 1949. No aircraft were stationed at the field up to late August 1949. According to a previous report * no planes were observed on 14 September 1949.

b. The information on an alleged occupation of the field by about 120 LA and Yak fighters in September 1949 has not been confirmed. The presence of air force units in Papa, however, is confirmed by the observed motor vehicle numbers which are assigned to the second Air Army. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ the Papa castle mentioned in para 5 is occupied by an air force unit.

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2 annexes: (1) Airfield of Papa
(2) Entering permit (English translation)

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Legend to Annex 1

- 1 radio station with three antenna masts, each from 8 to 10 meters high, mounted on the roof
- 2 two-story building for quartering about 600 men; ground floor now occupied by the Hungarian guard detail
- 3 Destroyed hangars under reconstruction
- 4 Destroyed hangar under reconstruction, already housing eight biplanes and many repair shop machines
- 5 Bath and disinfection rooms
- 6 Building, 8 x 12 meters, "Soviet secret offices"
- 7 Garages, each holding about 80 motor vehicles
- 8 Y-shaped building, middle section one-storied, side sections two-storied
 - a and b supply depot
 - c. quarters for about 300 men
- 9 quarters occupied by ground personnel
- 10 Two towers, each about 25 meters high, with one searchlight each
- 11 Four vertical fuel containers on concrete footings, each holding 13,250 gallons
- 12 Six horizontal fuel containers, imbedded in concrete, each holding 13,250 gallons
- 13 Same as item 11
- 14 Same as item 12
- 15 wooden cantonment building housing offices and supply depot of the construction firms. More wooden cantonment buildings were being built in the northeast section of the field.
- 16 Transformer house
- 17 Taxiway, about 90 x 12 meters
- 18 Concrete runway under construction
- 19 concrete runway of which about 400 meters were completed
- 20 Entrances
- 21 Scheduled spur track to the fuel dump
- 22 Signalman house
- 23 four fighters
- 24 about 120 fighters
 - Post of Hungarian sentinel armed with gun
 - Post of Soviet sentinel armed with machine gun

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